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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/773,884	Applicant(s) DANIELS, JEROME	
	Examiner Hau V Phan	Art Unit 3618	

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/6/2004 has been considered.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 14 is objected to because of the following informalities: The term "a" before "adapter" should be changed to – an –. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1 and 7-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (6,065,939) in view of Brilanchik (5,497,918).**

Lin in figures 1-4, discloses a drinking water supply for automobile purpose that may be installed in the automobile comprising a liquid supply apparatus for occupants of a vehicle. The apparatus comprises a liquid supply reservoir, a thermoelectric liquid heat exchanger that can be disposed in such structure of such vehicle. The thermoelectric liquid heat exchanger having an operative liquid connection from the

liquid supply reservoir, whereby liquid within such operative liquid connection may have its heat content altered by the thermoelectric liquid heat exchanger. Lin also discloses a liquid dispenser having a first position on the exterior of such dashboard of such vehicle. The liquid dispenser has an operative liquid connection from the thermoelectric liquid heat exchanger and a pump disposed in such structure of such vehicle and operatively connected to at least one of the liquid connections, whereby liquid may be urged to pass from the reservoir through the thermoelectric liquid heat exchanger to the liquid dispenser, wherein the liquid connections that can be disposed inside of such structure of such vehicle.

Lin fails to show a dashboard and a structure of the vehicle.

Brilanchik in figure 1, teaches a system for dispensing in a vehicle comprising a liquid reservoir (2) and a liquid dispenser (7), which is mounted on a dashboard of the vehicle. The liquid reservoir disposed in a structure of the vehicle. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the drinking water supply for automobile purpose that may be installed in the automobile of Lin with the system for dispensing in a vehicle as taught by Brilanchik in order to provide a convenient to a user to use and accessible to the system.

Regarding claims 7-8, Lin discloses the reservoir having an esthetically pleasing exterior and an exterior appearance similar to a home appliance.

Regarding claim 9, Lin discloses the pump, which is an electrical pump having a directly wired operative electrical connection to the vehicle electrical system.

Regarding claim 10, Lin discloses the pump, which is a mechanical pump powered by the mechanical energy of the engine.

Regarding claim 11, Brilanchik discloses a first switch having a first position in which it provides electrical energy to the pump and a second position in which it prevents flow of electrical energy, and a second switch in series with the first switch. The second switch has a default position in which it prevents flow of electrical energy, the second switch disposed upon the liquid dispenser and dimensioned and configured such that when the liquid dispenser is used by an occupant of such vehicle, the second switch is activated to provide electrical energy to the pump.

Regarding claim 12, Brilanchik discloses the first switch, which is the vehicle ignition switch.

Regarding claim 13, Brilanchik discloses the first switch, which can be mounted on the driver's side door.

Regarding claim 14, Lin discloses a conduit having a hollow core and two ends, and each end further comprises an adapter having a first connected position and a second disconnected position.

Regarding claim 15, Lin discloses the thermoelectric liquid heat exchanger having a directly wired operative electrical connection to the vehicle electrical system, whereby when the vehicle electrical system is on, the thermoelectric liquid heat exchanger receives electrical energy from the vehicle electrical system.

5. Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (6,065,939) in view of Brilanchik (5,497,918) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Miegltz et al. (6,070,927).

The combination of Lin and Brilanchik disclose the liquid dispenser, but fail to show the liquid dispenser having a first and second position.

Miegltz et al. in figure 1, teach a container in a vehicle, which is located in a glove compartment. The container has a first position and a second position. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the drinking water supply for automobile purpose that may be installed in the automobile of Lin with the container in a vehicle, which is located in a glove compartment to provide a first position and second position as taught by Miegltz et al. in order to provide a convenient to a user to use and accessible to the system.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Mason discloses a liquid dispenser unit for vehicles.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V Phan whose telephone number is 703-308-2084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christ Ellis can be reached on 703-308-2560. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Hau V Phan
Examiner
Art Unit 3618

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